and executive functions in the same officer.

Reply.—This matter is engaging the attention of the High Court.

380. Desirability of paying special attention to the sanitation of the taluk and making arrangements for the proper supply of good water for drinking and bathing purposes.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer suggested the desirability of paying special attention to the sanitation of the taluk and making some arrangement for the proper supply of good water for drinking and bathing purposes. He requested that a few wells and tanks might be newly dug for the convenience of the public.

Reply.—The question of improving the Perumalkulam tank is under correspondence. Estimates have been sanctioned for two wells. The further attention of the Sanitary Commissioner will be drawn to the subject.

381. Provision of a Satrom for travellers.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer suggested that in addition to the satrom now proposed to be opened, another might be constructed very near the railway station for the convenience of the wayfarers.

Reply.—The estimate has been sanctioned for one satrom, and the Peishkar has been ordered to select a site. Whether it would be near the railway station cannot now be definitely stated.

382. Relieving the villages of Elathur, Sivanallur, Aykudi, Klangad and Samburvadakara from import duty.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer represented that the five maniyams of Elathur, Sivanallur, Aykudi, Klangad and Samburvadakara form part of the Shencottah taluk and yet the inhabitants of those villages were not allowed the full privileges of the subjects of His Highness the Maharajah in the matter of export duty which, in strictness, ought to be paid only by British Indian subjects. They were now also liable to pay import duty which British Indian subjects had not to pay and this meant that a double restraint was imposed on them. If the Government found it not feasible to place these villagers within the customs-house limit, they might at least be absolved from liability to import duty, in which case they would be placed on a par with British Indian subjects in all other matters than payment of land tax.

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